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iled to excellence that we can scarce weed out the vice without eradicating the virtue.—Goldsmith.

#### Municipal Operation.

The City Hall just now presents at The ignitor service cosis is very poor. We are informed, too, amined. that the janitors do not wash all the windows of the building, some of that work being done by an outside con-

their pay be raised from \$50 to \$55

Upon what ground is this reques made? Is the work harder, and is the sufficient reason why the city should

Our City Hall is one of the finest buildings of the kind in the United States, and it should be kept in prime condition. It should be a model of neaders. It should be an example for the shole city. It should be kept so tidy as to make a favorable impression upon visitors. But is it kept in such condition? Is it kept as well as the Mutual or the American Bank Buildings? Let Councilmon wisks as a stated that the prosperity of a community depends much upon the free-dom with which property may be transferred from hand to hand. Any obstructions to such transfer are therefore hindrances to the general well-being. One great purpose of the Torrens system is to remove all such obstructions and hindrances.

"Another favorite objection to the Torrens system, made by persons who do not understand it, is that it will endanger the homes of the people. This ings? Let Councilmen make a com-

we are paying more than the work is We are paying more for janitors than private concerns are paying, and we sinate the savings of a life-time and are paying in bulk \$9,000 for a work which a private contractor offers to which a private contractor offers to perform for \$5,500 and furnish inci-dental supplies. It may be that some of the janitors do other work than of the janitors do other work than that of actual cleaning. But, making due allowance for that, we are paying far more than we should pay,

It is a small matter in itself; but a principle is no trifle. Municipal operation is almost invariably more expensive than private operation, for the reason that it is done by the rule of politics rather than by the rule of business. Richmond should reduce all her municipal operations to business rules. The way to do it is to commit the business affairs of the city to a board of control, composed of practical men. The sooner we do this, the reason that it is done by the rule of cal men. The sooner we do this, the mooner will the tax-payers get value received.

#### Sunday Observance.

The Massachusetts Legislature has appointed a special committee to draw up a bill for the regulation of Sunday obnervance. One point, at least, has already been settled, and that is that the Sunday law is no longer, as of old,

in New England a religious regulation. The committee has agreed that a weekly day of rest is needed "for the preservation of the health and strength of the community."

The majority report, says the Boston Transcript, "is characterized by a full and frank recognition of the change in the character of the day as the basis of legislation. The research made by the committee convinced six of its seven members that the tendency throughout the State is towards sanctioning such forms of outdoor recreation on Sunday as are not disturbing to public worship or to the public peace, and do not trespass upon public rights, and assuming that this is pub lic sentiment, they deem that the legal barriers to reasonable and innocent pastimes should be removed. Gunning

amusements the six members divide. and there are two reports-three memthe character of entertainments by leg-

It is a difficult matter to get some law is not the "Lord's Day," as the churches observe it. The Sunday law, as we have before remarked, is not a legalization of the Fourth Command-

keep the day holy, for that would be an infringement of religious liberty. The civil statute simply provides that Sunday shall be observed as a day of rest, and that no labor shall be porformed. except household work or other work of necessity, or of charity.

amusements except so far as they may peace and quiet of the day. Hunting on Sunday is prohibited, because that fishing with book and line.

The civil law cannot make men and women observe Sunday as a holy day. That is a matter for the church to deal

#### The Torrens System.

To-day we publish an article from Mr. E. C. Massie, in which he discusses objections Nos. 2 and 3 to the Torrens system. Mr. Massie says:

"Lawyers and others of the old school object to the Torrens system be-cause it will make the transfer of real cause it will make the transfer of real estate easy. 'It is already easy snough,' says one, 'and as easy as the hest interests of the people require.' But when you go to transfer any real estate you find that it not only involves many difficulties, but is also tedloys and costly. In the first place, no transfer can be made without the advice of a lawyer. No prudent man will buy without having the title examined. It makes no difference how often it has been examined before, it must be examined again by his lawyer for the purchaser; and the value of your title to the purchaser depends upon the opinion of his lawyer. The best lawyer in town may have assured busices of cleaning large buildings, stood ready to enter into contract with the Council to clean the City Hall and experience, but his opinion is final, so far as the purchaser is concerned. In turnish brooms, brushes and tollet articles for the lump sum of \$5,500 a year.

Of his lawyer. The purchaser's lawyer may not compare with sopinion is final, so far as the purchaser is concerned. In the words, the value of any man's title may be made to depend upon the opinion of a weakling or a fleedging of the law. Can it be soberly said that of his lawyer. The purchaser's lawyer the janitors of the City Hall ask that ditions are 'as easy as the best interests ready been examined and re-examined ready been examined and re-examined ad nauseam? This is a perpetual tax levied on generation after generation of long-suffering victims, not from necessity, but because they supinely permit themselves to be so taxed and gouged. No man can deny that this tax and the delays and difficulties attending every transfer of land operate as a restraint upon transfers. But Mr. Blackstone says: Experience bath

and the American Bank Build-legs? Let Councilmen make a com-barison and see for themselves.

It is plain on the face of it that we are paying more than the work is worth, and getting an inferior service, to town with his certificate of title in his pocket, and in a drunken spree disdeed has to be signed, sealed, acknowl deed has to be signed, scaled, acknowledged and delivered as at present; and if there is a wife, she has to sign and acknowledge the deed along with the husband to pass her dower, as at present. And in order to pass a Torrens title, both the owner's certificate of title and the deed must be presented together to the clerk when a transfer is desired. In this report it is more diffdesired. In this respect it is more diffinecessity for any examination of title, and saving other costs to the parties, and bringing the business to a certain and speedy conclusion. A true state-ment of the case would, therefore be

> this be done under the present system, the deed may be recorded and his property be lost before he has time for reflection; but if it be done under the Torrens system, being compelled to deposit his certificate of title along with his deed, he will thus be given time for reflection while producing his certificate of title for deposit. It is apparent, therefore, that the Torrens system, so far from endangering the homes of the people, will throw an extra safeguard around them." this be done under the present system

#### Regulating the Trusts.

in the May number of the Reader Magazine, Mr. William J. Bryan and Senator A. J. Beveridge discuss "Trusts and Their Treatment." Mr. Bryan says eral statute providing for an interstate icense and which will forbid a State corporation to do business outside of the State of its origin without secur ing such a license.

Mr. Beveridge says we have already or any noisy form of field sports they ended repates, contributions to camwould not exempt, but fishing, as not paign funds, bad meats and impure in the lap of spring.

disturbing, they would remove from foods. His remedy for overcapitaliza

tion is publicity. Therefore he proposes "a national law requiring every interstate corporation doing a business of \$5,000,000 or over, which puts stock on the markets, conspicuously to publish the exact truth as to every possible item that with licensing power, accompanied by might influence purchasers. They should be compelled to state the price at which they bought the property the amount of actual improvements both by description and in dollars and cents, which they have made upon it, and every other conceivable fact."

There is much force in Mr. Beveridge's proposal. It matters very little whether a corporation issues one milof stock, if the public knows what its property is intrinsically worth. If a estate company in Richmond should purchase a block of buildings for \$100,000, and issue stock against be in proportion to the market value of the property, for stock is nothing more than an evidence of ownership. If the company issued \$200,000 worth of stock and the intrinsic value of the real estate was only \$100,000, the stock would sell for \$50 a share; if it issued only \$100,000 worth of stock, the stock would sell for par. In this case the company could not deceive the public, for the assessor's books would show the value of the property.

In the case of railroads and manufacturing corporations, the actual cost of the property is not necessarily a fair index to the real value. But with a ed in the company's property, its as from time to time, the public would be in position to form a fairly accurate estimate of the value of its stock. whether the issue should be small or

advantage of Mr. Beverldge in the discussion. Mr. Bryan says that the dustrial monopoly, and that "a reducmission, duty-free, of articles entering into competition with the products of a convicted trust would act as a pow-

antitrust Republicans are joined to their tariff idol. They express a desire to remedy the evil by regulation; but when it is proposed to root out the evil, they lift their voice in pro-

On with it, Mr. Bryan. Force 'em to the real issue. The surest way to reform the trusts is to reform the

within the past several months is alarming. What is the matter? It is a matter that commands the serious attention of the lawful authorities,

Editor Stead says that ninety-nine Americans read the newspapers where one reads the Bible. If the newspapers printed everything that Editor Stea remarked, however, there would hardly be ninety-nine living Americans who

Jersey City Aldermen, says the New York Herald, want to wear badges, so that they may be known. Imagine being a Jersey City Alderman and wanting it to be known;

amenity, we trust that the Jamestown authorities will do everything in their power to keep General Kuroki out of the path of Richmond P. Hobson.

in the air, Colonel Graves may feel a small but natural hope that his own name will not be regarded as wholl,

If Tom Watson persists in slugging the Pullman porters, the time may come when he will have to dismount at his station with his coat-collar still

The Chattanooga Times is authority for the statement that John Wesley Gaines wears a No. 8 hat. It is un-derstood, however, that this is quite a

Mr. W. T. Stead says that it has been his pleasure to "see three kings and two queens." The hope is freely ex-pressed that he saw them with a royal flush.

The latest thing that the world has tial possibilities attracted ex-Senator

Former Senator Burton seems to have realized at last that the country requires nothing of him but noiseless-ness.

The moment seems to have arrived when John Temple Graves should be kindly but firmly gathered in by his loving friends. Ex-Senator Addicks is being sued by

his landlady for an unpaid gas bill,

The mills of the gods maintain their ancient reputation. Chancellor Day says that a bad cigar cured him of smoking. Thus, in one way or another, Pittsburg keeps con-stantly in the limelight.

The general public will watch with interest to see who will be the Abe Ruef of Mexico's earthquake,

Ex-Engineer Stevens says that the canal will be done in 1915. Eastern time, Mr. Stevens?

"No one can drive the President," says Jacob Riis. You can't even put him, can you, Mr. Riis? But, fortunately, when a peach crop

killed, it doesn't necessarily stay

At this stage of the game, it is pleasantly apparent that Richmondhas, in fact, a Team. Speaker Cannon has declared for Fairbanks. This makes two.

Something or other is still lingering

## Rhymes for To-Day | People Seen

The Railroad's Monody. WAS just a railroad, poor

That passed along my way:
And noting pity in my eye,
it steamed right up and stopped close by, And raised this mournful lay:

"I once was rich and prosperous,
With money on my clo'es;
A happy home, strong friends had I,
And whate'er else great wealth could
buy—
And now . . . . . Observe my woes;

Prosperity has gone-the case Is different as can be: I'm friendless, out-of-luck and poor,

I took away the pass; or since then they who make the laws Have stayed for neither rhymo

To up and give me sass,

They sting me for a two-cent rate, They penalize me much; They pinch away my profits—Whew! Whatever thing I don't or do, It means another touch,

Till now I'm on my uppers, friend—
I'm destitute, you see:
Im shabby, knocked about and frayed 've gone clean broke, and I'm afraid The Workhouse looms for me."

The railroad paused and wiped a tear 

Ah, well, you'll find them then."

#### MERELY JOKING.

The Laird: "Well, Donal," I met the pas-tor in London. He seems to be benefiting by the change."

Donal, "Sao are we, sir; sac are we,"— Ally Sloper's Haif-Holiday. His Job.

Weary Wiggles: "Lady, can't yer help a poor feller what de coal strike has knocked out of his livin'?"

Mrs. Kindhart: "Here, take this sixpence; and so you are a miner, eh?"

Weary Wiggles: "No. ma'am. I make a specially o' failin' down open coal heles an' suin' fer damages."—London Tit-Bits.

What Were his Sentiments? Impatient Golfer (to opponent, who has had shocking luck all morning): "Buck up old man. I want my lunch. Where are you now?" Opponent: "In a hole made by a woman"

I. G.: "Well, go on, knock it out! This is no time for sentiment!"—Punch.

was asked.
"It's just this way," he answered pleasantly, "You see, the fellows who own the
mines have found out that the consumer,
after he has bought a ton, sometimes has
twenty-five cents left."
"Yes?"
"Well, naturally, they want that quarter.
Simple, isn't it? How much shall I send
you to-day?"—Philadelphia Ledger.

A Bad Job.

The Visitor: "Yes, my 'usband is very 'andy. 'E mended the cuckoo clock the other day; but it ain't right yet. It oos before it cucks!"—Punch. A Thirty-Cent Life.

"Miserly gave the fireman who saved his life when his house was on fire fifty cents for carrying him down the ladder."
"Did the fireman take it?"
"Partly. He gave Miserly twenty cents change."—Baltimore American.

POINTS FROM PARAGRAPHERS,

M AINE is not to be represented with a State building at the Jamestown Exposition, It is a pity; but having spent all the money and raised the tax rate, the Legislature concluded that it had got to put in the knife somewhere.—Portland Daily Press.

France is eating a great deal of horse flesh. It is unquestionably more feasible o butcher the horse than to bet upon aim and try to buy beefsteak on the way nome from the track.

Foraker cannot win negro votes in Ohio while the Provident is handing out offices with real money salaries attached.—Birmingham News.

The story of a Pittsburg storm, in which hunder, lightning and snow all came from a clear sky is a palpable fiction. Pittsburg sever had a clear sky.—Detroit News. Scientists are still vainly searching for a disinfectant of dishonestly acquired wealth in order that it may be used with entire safety for philanthropic purposes.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

West Indian hurricanes didn't worry Speaker Cannon at all, Simply reminded

The Standard Oil Company pleads in the illinois courts that it din't know the law, it seems to be pretty much of a law unto iself,—Atlanta Constitution.

COMMENT OF VIRGINIA EDITORS.

Thewing the Rag.

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Ex-Governor Tyler says the South is "practically united for Bryan"—meaning John Temple Graves by the converse of the word "practical," re suppose. Congressman James, of the Kentucky blue grass, says that Dikle "wants Bryan to lead in the next fight," John Temple Graves and Editor Lindsay talk of Roosevelt.

"When the oracles are so hopelessly disagreed," walls the Richmond Times-Dispatch, "what is the poor layman to believe? Where does the South stand, anyway? Has she no certain spokesman?"

"What is a Democrat?" queries the New York World.

What or whom does snybody want?

We believe that the people have become so disgusted with these llegal acts of this corporation and with the want of shame which it displays, together with its insolent bearing towards the public, that public sentiment will demand that heavy fines be inflicted.—Harrisonburg Times.

Political Confusion. Senator La Foliette wants Roosevelt for a third term. With Bryan suggesting the Sen-ator as a possibility and the Senator sug-gesting Roosevelt we are rapidly arriving at a state of political confusion.—Freder-icksburg Free Lance.

Civic Improvement. The town of Buchanan has been undergoing a great many improvements recently, but the people are by no means satisfied—at least we hope they are not with the advancement made. Convenience and comfort are a great advertisement for a small town, and when it is deficient in this respect, its progress is somewhat retarded,—Buchanan News.

Wise Smith.

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Smith, Brown and Jones went to dine with Robinson the other night. On the way Smith said to his companions, "Oh. I say, beware of our host's wine."

As the result of this hint Brown and Jones took no wine, but they were surprised to see Smith imbibling it freely, On the way home they said to him, "What was the matter with Robinson's wine that you advised us not to take any?"

"Nothing the matter with the quality," said Smith, coelly; "but I knew from experience that the quantity would be rather deficient—not enough to go round us all." deficient-not enough to go round us all.

## in Public Places

The friends of Hon. Robert W. Withers, of Suncik, have started a boom for him to succeed Hon. W. D. Carawell, as Speaker of the House of Delegates, and the suggestion attracted instant attention among the political leaders about the hotel lobbies last night. One of the members of the Richmond delegation, Mr. Puller, who is standing for re-election, is out for the Nansemond man, and has written him a letter, tendering his support.

Mr. Withers, though less than thirty years of age, is one of the ablest lawyers and most accomplished orators in the House. He is a nophew of former United States Senator Robert E. Withers, of Wytheville, and is a prospective candidate for Congress in the Second District against Representative Harry L. Maynard. Mr. Withers was, with Senator Charles Trotter Lassier, of Petersburg, the joint author of the bills creating the State Highway Commission and providing for the present advanced system of working the public roads of the State. He is also a member of the Jamestown Exposition Commission on the part of the State. An orator of force and eloquence and a lawyer of pronounced ability, he took a leading part in the proceedings of the last two Legislatures, and was a decided favorite with his colleagues.

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C. C. Chaney, of Randolph, and R. Sidders, of Norfolk, are among the Virginians at the Richmond.

Hon. Samuel W. Williams, of Wythe county, former Circuit Judge, State Senator and prominent Democratic orator and leader of the Minth District, is at Murphy's, having come to Richmond to ask Governor Swanson to grant a respite to one of his clients in Giles county, who is sentenced to hang or May 6th. The Governor granted the request of Judge Williams, and the latter will leave for his home to-day.

When seen in the lobby of the hotel, the Southwest lawyer declared that he would be a candidate for Attorney General at the next primary, and that he had reason to believe that he was stronger than when he stood on either of the former occasions, when he was defeated by General Anderson.

"It is my time next," he said, "and I am going in to win."

Judge Williams commended Governor Swanson for his appointment of Judge Williams F. Rhea on the State Corporation Commission, and was warm in his praise of the ability of the former Ninth District Congressman.

Hon. Nathaniel Bacon Early, of Greene, who is standing for the Democratic nomination for the Senate in the Seventeenth District, to succeed Hon. John S. Chapman, writes a friend here that he will be in the city to-day.

Mr. Early is coming down to attend the opening of the Jamestown Exposition, to which he is a commissioner on the part of the State.

In his letter he says his campaign is coming along all right, and he expresses the opinion that he will win. He has several competitors, chief among whom are Editor J. H. Lindsay and Mr. Allen Perkins, a young lawyer, both of Charlottesville.

R. E. Griffith, of Winchester, is a Murphy's.

Hon. David R. Powers, Jr., of Caroline, member of the House of Delegates from that county, was in the city yesterday on private business.

Mr. Powers is serving his second term in the House, and declares that he will stand for re-election this fall. So far as he knows, he will have no opposition. At least, up to this time, he has heard of none. Mr. Powers is a man of strong influence, both in the Legislature and in his county.

Hon. William E. Bibb, a prominent lawyer and former State Senator from Louisa county, is registered at Murphy's. Senator Bibb is a warm supporter of Hon. R. Lindsay Gordon, of his county, for Congress in the Eighth District, and believes that he has a fine chance to win.

Former State Senator Thomas N. Williams, of Mecklenburg, chairman of the Democratic County Committee, and Mr. J. H. Ogburn, of South Hill, Va., are in the city.

#### Ecclesiastical Politics.

Ecclesiastical Formal Editor of The Times-Dispatch:
Sir,—Judging from the daily papers, the general public manifests a rather languid interest in a subject now absorbing denominational journalism, namely, the movement toward federation of the general public manifests a rather langual interest in a subject now absorbing denominational journalism, namely, the movement toward federation of the churches. This movement appears to be more popular in the North than in the South, the latter section thus sustaining its reputation 2 or conservatism in all fields. Three leading denominations in Canada have merged into one, and the recent union of the Northern Presbyterian and Cumberland churches marks a very great, a very unexpected, advance in ecclesiastical liberalism, inasmuch as doctrinal differences between those two churches were supposed to be irreconcilable. Mutual concessions have, however, made union possible with no more friedion of adjustment than might reasonably be expected, while yet a minority element of ultra-conservatives magnify matters of indifference to the size and dignity of essentials.

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ne whole discussion of the federation question, now in progress, illustrates the world-old conflict between conservatism and liberalism, each decrying the other as they are always used to do, and each apparently mable to recognize the function of the other in human progress. Reading with as much patience as possible a long-drawn-out debate on the subject which recently filled the leading columns of a religious weekly. I was struck with the half-view logic, the scare-crow declamation, the gratuitous imputations and even the ordinary tactics of the professional polemic, which learned champions of the two schools employ in the discussion of a topic that ought to be lifted to a very much higher philosophical plane. One would imagine that each party expected that the world be lifted to a very much higher philosophical plane. One would imagine that each party expected that the world would either be set forward or set back by the decision of a congress of preachers. There was a time, perhaps, long, long ago, when such momentous results night follow synodical deliverances, but that time has passed, never to return. The church, ecclesiastically considered, has come to be as fractional in its influence in the world as it is fractional in its organization, and the subconsciousness of the world awaits with growing impatience the disappearance of a fractionalism and factionalism which had its beginnings in hair-splitting dogmatism, about which it is now next to impossible either to enlighten or to interest anybody, and owes its perseverance more to denominational beredity than to anything else.

to denominational heredity than to anything else.
But if the church, as such, has less influence in the world, the truth, of which it is yet considered to be the divinely-ordained conservator, has more influence than ever before, a fact which bears its own testimony to the origin and nature of that truth. The church survives because the truth upon which it is founded which it so often interprets as a charter of partisanry, and so greatly obscures by its antiquated dogmatics—is, nevertheless, divine, and as fundamentally essential to human happiness and human

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## Poems You Ought to Know

Whatever your occupation may be, and however crowded your hours with affairs, do not fail to secure at least a few minutes every day for refreshment of your inner life with a bit of poetry.—Prof. Charles Eliot

## Time.

By JOHN MILTON.

Other selections from this author, his portrait, autograph and biographical sketch, have already been printed in this series. Fly, envious Time, till thou run out thy race, Call on the lazy leaden-stepping hours, Whose speed is but the heavy plummet's pace; And glut thyself with what thy womb devours,

Which is no more than what is false and vain, And merely mortal dross; So little is thy gain. For when as each thing bad thou hast entombed,

And last of all thy greedy self consumed, Then long Eternity shall greet our bilss With an individual kiss; And Joy shall overtake us as a flood

When every thing that is sincerely good And perfectly divine, With truth, and peace, and love, shall ever shine About the supreme throne

Of him, to whose happy-making sight alone
When once our heavenly-guided soul shall climb,
Then, all this earthy grossness quit, Attired with stars, we shall forever sit.

Triumphing over Death, and Chance, and thee, O Time!

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progress as the whole system of natural law. This essential truth is moral and spiritual first, and intellectual only inclentially. For it can be realized without being analyzed, and bursts with a did the humblest man, who would only be hopelessly confused by the definitions of the trained theologian.

No one is greatly disturbed by any ophemeral or accidential controversy who realizes that ideas and moral forces are hensive ranges. Men are little more than infinitesimal imagines that he can hurry it for the first can be also the stream of inevitable evolution; but this particular infinitesimal imagines that he can hold the stream back the other particular atom that he can hurry it for other while the current of the ages carries them all along together. This pulling and hauling, this anxiety and agitation, is good for the atoms because it develops the best possible atoms, the most virile, the most pointial, and no true phiner earnest activity. Now and then an old gentleman who desires quited teplores and denounces the disturbers of the peace of sumber and that quite of staks divided the carth, but over radical has no more useful mission than to disturb that gace of sumber and that quite of staks divided the carth, but over radical has no more useful mission than to disturb that gace of sumber and that quite of staks divided the carth, but a second read to the carth, but as sent proper to the carth, but as construct evolution of the carth, but as sent proper to the carth, but as sent proper to the carth, but as construct evolution of the carth, but a second page on the carth, but a second page of the carth, but as sent proper to the carth put a second page of the carth, but as sent page to the carth, but as sent page to the carth, but as sent page to the carth put as sent page to the carth, but as sent page to the carth, but as sent page to the carth, but as sent page to the carth put as a mineral disease. The cart page to the carth put and the page to the carth put and the page to the carth put and the page to

A new era evidently arises, but it asks the consent or guidance of no man, nor any set of men, nor any school of thought, nor any system of philosophy nor any sect of religion. Zealous futilities neither block it nor help it forward, but if a man will, he may bathe his soul in the spiendor of its sunrise and reflect more and more of its glory upon his times and upon his generation.

BENJAMIN C. MOOMAW.

Ben, Va.

### Alcohol: Its Nature.

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Editor of The Times-Dispatch:
Sir,—Alcohol is a poison which is a "substance capable of impairing or extinguishing the vital functions in a great majority of cases." I quote from Henry Howard's "Forensic Medicine," page 93. Dr. Howard needs no introduction to Virginians. He was for many years professor of pathology, materia medica, etc., in the University of Virginia, and was familiar known as "Old Pop" by the students when I attended that institution in the years 1854, etc. In addition to his definition of poisons, he says on same page: "This ilmitation is necessary, because some of the most deadly substances, in small doses, may be taken not only with impunity, but with salutary effects, and habit renders doses of them innocuous, which would destroy an individual unaccustomed to their use." On page 145 of same book he says: "Alcohol and ether may be here considered as being derived by art from vegetable matter. They are well-known narcoties, producing at first intoxication, and afterwards stupor and cerebral congestion. They are also irritants, the stomachs of persons killed by them being often inflamed. When the immoderate use of spirit does not produce death, it may give rise to delirium tremens. The smell of spirit is often perceived in the cuvities of the chest, brain and abdomen of those who have died from drinking."

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Sir Benjamin Ward Richardson, M. A.

M. D., Li. D., F. R. S., whose distinguished services as a physician won for him at the hands of Queen Victoria the honor of knighthood, after giving the construction of the different alcohols, from the methylic, the simplest composed of one part carbon, four parts hydrogen and one part oxygen, to the amylic, composed of five parts earbon, twelve parts hydrogen and one part oxygen, says in his "Temperance Lesson Book," pages 106-7: "I have followed up my researches with some of the alcohols that are heavier, than amylic, and have found them all poisonous intoxicants, as far as I have been able to trace them; but the opportunity has not been afforded me to try beyond two of the series above the amylic alcohol."

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alcohol."
Of ethylic alcohol, which Dr. Wiley, head of chemical burcau in Agricultural Department of our national governments, extols so highly, and which Bob

## AMUSEMENTS.

Academy—Dark. Bijou—"it's Up to You, John Heury." Bostock's—Wild Animal Show. Idlewood—Skating Riak and Caral-

Miss Lelia McGuire to Wed.

Miss Leila McGuille to Vecu.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

NEW YORK. April 23.—Announcement
was made to-day of the engagement of
ewis Huntington Hyde, a lawyer of this
dity, and Miss Leila Moss McGuire, daugher of Dr. and Mrs. Paul W. McGuire, of
Vinchesier. Va. Miss McGuire is a niece of
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